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DAY'S CALENDAR

SOCIAL FRATERNAL SOCIETIES.
Brigadier Jordan at Salvation Army Barracks.STATED FRATERNAL MEETINGS.
Queen City Rebekah Lodge No. 4.
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CHURCH MEETINGS.

None.

LOSS OF AUSTRALIAN TROOPS.

Australia's Light Horse Brigade made a charge on Gallipoli peninsula which was far more disastrous than the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava. Late reports from the Dardanelles are to the effect that only one man of the three Australian regiments returned alive.

A Turkish prisoner, at British headquarters on the peninsula, relates that the Australians' charge followed a long period of bombardment. "As soon as the bombardment stopped," said the Turkish prisoner, "the British leaped over their parapet and charged down upon us. They came on very well. As soon as they appeared, every rifle in the place opened upon them direct across the neck, and a machine gun, with its cross-fire from the right, swept them sheer off the face of the earth. Three of them managed to reach our trench and fell dead over the parapet into the bottom of it."

When the Gallipoli campaign opened, the Turks reported they had inflicted heavy punishment on the allies, but the Constantinople war bulletins were never accepted as other than an outward show to mask a weakness. Now it is plain that the Turkish reports held very close to the

truth. Not until the British war office admitted the losses in the Dardanelles, to the British alone, were over 26,000 did even close readers of the events of the war realize how great had been punishment of the allies.

No wonder there are misgivings in England over what is termed the blunder of the Dardanelles. Whoever authorized the attack on the peninsula was wholly uninformed as to the strength of the defensive works. At first the British attempted to rush the waterway by the use of warships without land forces. Since then they have discovered that the undertaking was ill-advised and suicidal.

MULBERRY TREE HERE AND IN GERMANY.

In the early days of Utah, efforts were made to develop the silk industry and mulberry trees were planted and silk worms were introduced. Up to a few years ago nearly every street in Ogden had one or more mulberry trees that in the summer time, when the berries began to drop, coated sidewalks with a fly-attracting smear which proved to be a nuisance, and led to the cutting down of the trees. During the present war, Germany has taken up the problem of silk culture, in an effort to be independent of foreign sources of supply. The Germans, at an earlier period, tried to raise silk worms, but found the mulberry tree could not be acclimatized. It has now been discovered that silk worms thrive on comfrey, a herb abundant in Germany. Moreover, the worms fed on the new diet produce a stouter, more elastic and more glossy silk than those raised on mulberry. The only doubt in the minds of the government experts is whether the worms will degenerate when imported into Germany.

RAILROADS ARE BLOCKADED.

Railroads in the east are blocked with freight. Today the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad was compelled to issue orders to agents, instructing them to accept no more freight for export, as the lines from Scranton to New York are choked with loaded cars.

This is an echo of 1906, and is a forerunner of serious trouble for the transportation companies. The rush of business is only in its first stages, and as confidence increases and money continues to seek re-investment, industrial conditions rapidly will improve, until prosperity will swamp the railroads both east and west.

With the knowledge that orders for goods cannot be filled promptly, merchants will begin to grow uneasy and

they will attempt to not only restock empty shelves but to accumulate a surplus, and the direct result will be an avalanche of orders which the factories will be unable to handle. Already the steel plants are months ahead on orders. An Ogden wholesaler informs us that his house was forced to pay cash in advance to obtain assurance of an early delivery of certain lines of dress goods.

This wave of prosperity promises to extend over a long period of years because of the excellent financial condition of the United States.

PREPAREDNESS AS A SAFEGUARD.

An open letter is addressed to Congressman Claude Kitchin, majority leader, by Collier's, in which the weekly takes exception to Kitchin's opposition to President Wilson's policy of preparedness. The letter, in part, follows:

"Dear Mr. Kitchin, you have stated with figures which are notoriously reliable that you are opposed to preparedness. You have shown the vast expenditures which preparedness has involved in Europe and which, in turn, it may involve in the United States. We agree with you that the figures are vast, Mr. Kitchin. Nevertheless we are for preparedness. A country like the United States, with its untold resources, could well afford to insure peace by the expenditure of half a billion, a billion, or even two billions. For the citizens of our Atlantic and Pacific seaboard, yes, and for the citizens of the land between these seaboard, to feel secure in the development of the country and its natural wealth, these billions are not too high a price to pay as an insurance premium. But it is very possible that Europe, as Lord Roseberry has said, with its back broken or all but broken by the vast armaments built up even prior to the present war, will dream of disarmament rather than of preparedness. If that should prove to be the case, may we not point out to you, Mr. Kitchin, that our very readiness for preparedness, our very address to this gigantic task, may prove the most potent factor in disarmament. In world police, in world courts, or any other means that the nations of the earth may devise to avoid war in the future? The fact that those nations will see that the big and dread cycle of armament is about to begin all over again in the Western hemisphere may give them that horror of the whole business which will prove the turning point in the world's attitude toward this barbarous way of national existence. Long since the higher type of mankind has seen that armed fighting is not the way to settle differences. Nations, notoriously, have been in ethical standards, still lag behind. Our readiness to prepare and our beginning to prepare in 1916 may prove the paramount factor in turning the world from folly to wisdom."

THE FRENCH LOAN.

With that sense of the dramatic which is perhaps more highly developed in the French than in any other people, especially where martial glory is involved, M. Ribot, minister of France, has named the new loan "the loan of victory." It is the loan which is to drive out the invader, save France and re-establish her in greater strength and beauty than ever before.

The idea is thrilling, but the actuality is even more thrilling. In Paris millions, tradesmen, widows, lawyers, doctors, clerks, workmen in blouses, servants, young girls and boys—in a word, the French people, stormed the postoffices and banks, and it is reported, in a single day subscribed \$5,000,000. Nothing to equal this exhibition of patriotism has been witnessed in the present war, and perhaps not since those dark and shameful days when the French people, after the war which placed them under the heel of Prussia, paid off in gold the billion dollars exacted of them by the conqueror. It is said that Bismarck was amazed at the facility with which the French people supplied the gold which was to cause the gradual evacuation of the country by Prussian garrisons and he was overcome with chagrin that he had not demanded two billion or three billion dollars. At that time the French were far poorer than they are today, but the habit of thrift was so ingrained among all the substantial classes of society that every individual and every family had hoarded some gold. It has been remarked that the indemnity was paid out of the French woman's stocking, which was the savings bank of the rural class. And today that stocking is again helping to save the country from the same invader. More gold will be required, but there is more to give and it is given today, not sufficed with the tears of humiliation, but in the joyful spirit of triumph, with the knowledge that it is to bring France out of the war crowned with triumph, for it is "the loan of victory."—Tribune.

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SCHOOL BOARD WILL INAUGURATE ECONOMIES

The question of finances was paramount in the discussions of the directors of the city school system at their meeting last night and a policy of stricter economy in the handling of the funds will probably be the result. It was stated by the clerk of the board that there is at present a bank overdraft of \$49,000 recorded against the school system, which will be decreased this year by an increase in revenues to be received by the school board from the city and county taxes. As near as can be figured at the present time, the school revenues this year will be between \$7000 and \$20,000 short of the amount needed to pay the expenses of the system for the year.

In the opinion of the board members, the upkeep of the schools this year will be as great, if not greater, than last year. The attention of the school board was called last night to a recent notice received from the state board with regard to the ruling that state funds should be withheld from cities in which high school teachers did not hold—or had not filled with the city boards of education—certificates or diplomas from the state board of education. It was suggested in the notice that the salaries of teachers who had not complied with this ruling be withheld until they did comply. The suggestion was acted upon by Superintendent Mills, but last night the school directors instructed the clerk to issue all salary checks due, but to notify the high school teachers to at once file their certificates or diplomas. Those who cannot comply with the order, it was decided, will be asked to immediately resign, so as not to imperil the city's claim to a portion of the state school funds.

Another question brought up, but not decided, was that of whether the school system should defray the expenses of the teachers at the state convention to be held in Salt Lake City, during the Christmas holidays. This has been done in past years, but a discontinuance of the plan is one of the possible economies that the school directors may put into operation, at least as long as a deficit in the school funds exist. In speaking of it last night, Director H. H. Henderson said:

"I am not convinced that the school board should defray the expenses of the teachers to the convention, when the purpose of the convention is to equip the teachers with ability to draw higher salaries from the school board. It seems to me that if the convention is a good thing for the teachers, and that it prepares them for promotions and consequent higher salaries, they themselves should pay the expenses of their attendance and not we who, if the convention is worthy, have to pay the increased salaries earned by the teachers as a result of what the institute teaches them."

It is also probable that the board will abandon the policy of paying the

yearly dues of its teachers in the Utah Educational association, which include a subscription for each teacher to the magazine published by the association. According to the board members, the magazine is a trade journal and as such should be paid for by the teachers individually, the same as business and professional men pay for their trade journals. Director Henderson went on record as being opposed to the payment of the dues by the school board and, though they may be paid this year, in the future such use of the school funds, undoubtedly, will not be allowed.

HOW TO RAISE FERNS INDOORS

Ferns obtained from the florist for indoor culture should be placed in a strong light, although they will do well without sunlight. They should be kept moist at all times, but watered sparingly. Most fern difficulties arise either from keeping the plants soaked or, on the other hand, permitting them to get too dry. When the fern is in a jardiniere, it is especially difficult to avoid over-watering. In spring and summer ferns require three

times the amount of water that they do in the fall and winter.

It is well occasionally to put ferns in the bathtub and give them a bath with weak soapsuds made from a good grade of soap. The soap must be thoroughly rinsed off immediately after the bath and great care must be exercised not to injure the tender fronds.

One of the worst enemies of ferns indoors is the mealy bug. This is a white, woolly insect that clings close to the bottom of the fronds. When there is reason to suspect its presence the plant should be examined every day and all insects removed with a splinter or toothpick. If the infestation is bad, the whole top of the fern can be cut off to within an inch of the ground and then allowed to grow again after all the insects have been exterminated.

Another fern pest that thrives in a dry atmosphere is the red spider. This can be kept in check by spraying the top of the fern with clear water. If, as is frequently the case in living rooms, this is impracticable, the next best measure is repeated baths. Washing will also eradicate the aphid, or green fly.

Ferns should be fed once every two to four weeks with dilute nitrate of soda solution, very dilute ammonia water, manure leachings, prepared plant food, or ground bone and wood ashes.

IRVIN POULTER IS ON A VISIT HOME

Irvin Poulter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moroni S. Poulter, of 2480 Monroe avenue, is passing a few days in Ogden visiting his relatives and friends. He is a student of the Utah Agricultural college, being one of a group of Weber academy graduates who are gaining prominence in different activities at the state school. Among other things, the local youth has gained considerable weight since leaving home in the fall and "made" the second football team at the college with little trouble. He is also a leading member of the A. C. Glee club and expects to try out for the dramatic club in the near future.

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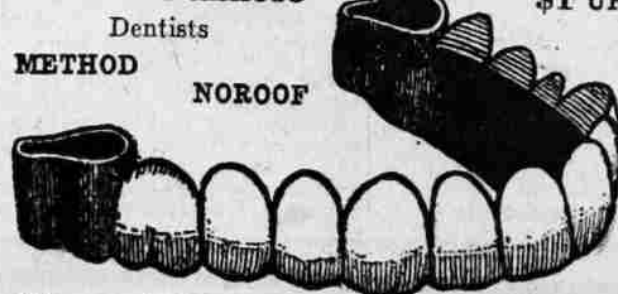
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